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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Vincent Carmelo Bruzzese; Scott Paul Shelley; Richard E. Rowe**

For: **Gaming Machine Communicating System**

Assigned to: IGT

This application is a Continuation-In-Part and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120, from co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/044,218 filed November 19, 2001, which claimed priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/544,884 filed April 7, 2000, now issued as U.S. Patent 6,682,421. This application is a Continuation-in-Part and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from co-pending U.S. Patent Application 09/718,974 filed November 22, 2000. This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) from Australian Application No. 2003 901 552 filed April 3, 2003, in the Australian Patent Office.

Application Elements:

- ☒ **23** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ **1** Sheets of formal Drawings  
☐ Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.  
☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  
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Claim For Foreign Priority



Priority of Australia Application No. 2003 901 552 filed on  
3 April 2003 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.



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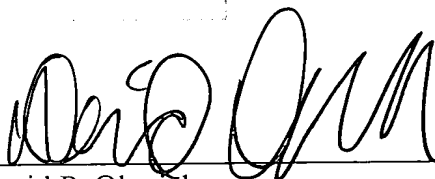
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